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January 20, 2002

Ms. Reneta Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

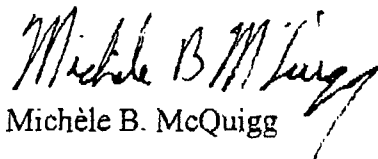
I am writing in support of the settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case. In a nation where we pride ourselves on free trade and development of services and ideas, Microsoft has proven itself. The agreement contains significant rules and regulations on how Microsoft develops and licenses its software, but it also allows Microsoft to keep innovating on behalf of consumers. I hope you will resist the efforts of Microsoft's competitors, who try to continue their efforts to dissolve this company.

We have many computer and Internet companies throughout Virginia, with a large concentration in Northern Virginia, the area I represent. The economy depends upon technology and Internet success--including Microsoft.

It is extremely important to allow this facet of trade to grow and produce without restriction. It is equally as important to allow it to grow free from fear of developing a product that is accepted universally by computer users.

I urge you to accept the settlement as just and fair. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Michele B. McQuigg